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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEHRAN 5387 SENT ACTION SECSTATE JUN 06.
QUOTE S E C R E T TEHRAN 5387

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SUBJ: SHAH'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER OF JUNE 4

REF: STATE 129180

1. I DELIVERED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER CONTAINED REFTEL
TO SHAH MORNING JUNE 6. AFTER SHAH HAD READ TEXT, I ALSO
CONVEYED ORAL MESSAGES ABOUT REPROCESSING PLANT AND PROJECTED
NEWSOM VISIT.

2. SHAH ASKED ME TO INFORM PRESIDENT THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH
WARM AND POSITIVE TONE OF LETTER. WITH RESPECT TO AFGHANISTAN,
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HE AGREED THERE WAS NO OTHER COURSE TO FOLLOW THAN ACTIONS
OUTLINED IN PRESIDENT'S LETTER. HOWEVER, HE FELT WE SHOULD
HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT ORIENTATION OF AFGHANISTAN REGIME.
EVEN IF REGIME IS COMPLETELY A SOVIET SATELLITE, SOVIETS WILL
DOUBTLESS ENCOURAGE KABUL TO MAINTAIN ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE
WEST, IN ORDER TO EASE THE BURDEN ON SOVIET ECONOMY. HE HAD
RECENTLY SEEN THE SAME PATTERN, FOR EXAMPLE, IN BALKAN

STATES, WHOSE LARGEST TRADING PARTNER IS NOW WEST GERMANY.

3. AS FOR PAKISTAN REPROCESSING PLANT, HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL ANSWER TO HIS LETTER TO GISCARD, FRENCH HAD GIVEN HIM INFORMAL INDICATIONS THAT MATTER WOULD BE RESOLVED. HE SAID HE HAD TALKED RECENTLY WITH "SEVERAL PAKISTANIS" TO TRY TO CONVINCE THEM TO MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR THEIR FRIENDS TO HELP THEM. HE CHARACTERIZED AGHA SHAHI AS "DANGEROUSLY" ANTI-INDIAN AND BAD INFLUENCE ON THE MLA GENERALS. HE SAID PAKISTAN HAD TO COOPERATE WITH INDIA IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.

4. IN GENERAL OBSERVATION ON PRESIDENT'S LETTER, HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT U.S. IS REACTING TO SOVIET OPERATIONS IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE. HE CHARACTERIZED THIS AS A "TURNING POINT" IN POST-VIETNAM PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH HAS CRIPPLED EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD UNDERSTAND THIS IN ITS TREATMENT OF THE TURKISH EMBARGO.

5. DEPT PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE.
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